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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith three documents (DE 100 21 897 A1, WO 2004/001157 A1 and WO 02/103135 A1) which were cited in a European Patent Office counterpart application to the instant application. Applicants submit that the first document (*i.e.*, DE 100 21 897 A1) appears to be a family member of DE 200 10 913 U1, and that DE 200 10 913 U1 was already cited (with a machine-made English-language translation) in this application in an IDS dated March 9, 2007. The Examiner indicated consideration of DE 200 10 913 U1 on March 26, 2007. Therefore, DE 100 21 897 A1 is cumulative to information already of record in this application.

Moreover, the other two documents (*i.e.*, WO 2004/001157 A1 and WO 02/103135 A1) appear to have been published after the foreign priority date of the current application (*i.e.*, November 12, 2002), and therefore, do not appear to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(a). Also, these documents were not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English, and

therefore, do not appear to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Therefore, these two documents do not appear to qualify as prior art against the instant application.

Inasmuch as that these documents are only being submitted to ensure that that record is complete, Applicants do not believe that any fees are necessary. However, should any fees be necessary, Applicants hereby authorize the charging of any required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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